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Classified By: DCM Joseph Pennington. Reasons 1.4 (b/d)

[¶1.](#) (C) Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Armenia's IMF governor, Minister of Economy Nerses Yeritsian on April 16. Ambassador then had a series of subsequent conversations in recent days with Yeritsian and Foreign Minister Nalbandian--while EconOff worked the issue at lower levels--to persuade the GOAM to go along with our position. The GOAM's initial plan had been to take no action.

[¶2.](#) (C) Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian told Ambassador on April 22 that the GOAM will participate in the votes in order to provide a quorum, but will vote "abstain."
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